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Honorable Richard B. Russell
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Russell:

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This item as well as other previous instances of publication of sensitive intelligence information has been of great concern to me for some time.

The possibility of additional legislation to assist in the protection of intelligence from unauthorized disclosure has been under study for several years. Work is continuing on this but in the meantime I thought it desirable to bring to your attention some of the problems in this field with which the Agency is confronted. For this purpose, I am enclosing a short study entitled "Certain Legal Aspects Re Protecting Intelligence from Unauthorized Disclosure." This short study has attached to it a draft of proposed new legislation aimed at correcting certain deficiencies in existing law. Undoubtedly further work can and will be done on this legislation prior to formal submission. However, you or your Committee might be interested in our thoughts and could well have suggestions.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John A. McCone
Director

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